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Applicant's arguments presented in the Pre-Appeal Brief have been fully considered but are not deemed to be persuasive since the lead 24A/80 extends from the electrical component to the perimeter I/O of the IC chip. Furthermore, the term "outward" does not distinguish the claims from Buckley, III et al. since this broad term does not specify any orientation or direction. That is, as long as the component and chip are separated by a distance, the lead that electrically connects these elements "extends outward."

Additionally, applicant argues that Buckley, III et al. does not disclose "internally routed" leads. It is unclear why the applicant takes this position since Buckley, III et al. clearly shows in Fig. 3, 5 and 6, leads 24A extending through the TAB leadframe 60 "relative to the ILB area" shown in Fig. 5. Furthermore, the term "via" is commonly recognized in the art as a conductive element that extends or "internally rounded" through a insulative material, which is what Buckley, III et al. clearly discloses.

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Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review



This is in response to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed March 15, 2006.

1. **Improper Request** – The Request is improper and a conference will not be held for the following reason(s):

- The Notice of Appeal has not been filed concurrent with the Pre-Appeal Brief Request.
- The request does not include reasons why a review is appropriate.
- A proposed amendment is included with the Pre-Appeal Brief request.
- Other: _____

The time period for filing a response continues to run from the receipt date of the Notice of Appeal or from the mail date of the last Office communication, if no Notice of Appeal has been received.

2. **Proceed to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences** – A Pre-Appeal Brief conference has been held. The application remains under appeal because there is at least one actual issue for appeal. Applicant is required to submit an appeal brief in accordance with 37 CFR 41.37. The time period for filing an appeal brief will be reset to be one month from mailing this decision, or the balance of the two-month time period running from the receipt of the notice of appeal, whichever is greater. Further, the time period for filing of the appeal brief is extendible under 37 CFR 1.136 based upon the mail date of this decision or the receipt date of the notice of appeal, as applicable.

The panel has determined the status of the claim(s) is as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

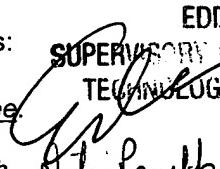
Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 7-13 and 20-25.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

3. **Allowable application** – A conference has been held. The rejection is withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance will be mailed. Prosecution on the merits remains closed. No further action is required by applicant at this time.

4. **Reopen Prosecution** – A conference has been held. The rejection is withdrawn and a new Office action will be mailed. No further action is required by applicant at this time.

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